

Approved For Release 2000/05/22 : CIA-RDP82-00457R0092

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Informations from Rathenow

25X1X

25X1A

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 271

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 17 October 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

RETURN TO
LIBRARY

Document No.	002
No Change In Class.	☐
Class. Changed To:	TS S (C)
Auth:	HR 73-2
Date:	31 AUG 1978
By:	CH

25X1X

1. No changes regarding the occupation of the Ziethen Kaserne, Rathenow (N 53/2 15), were noticed prior to 14 September 1951. Many officers and EM were seen there. They apparently began their duties about 9 a.m. Most of the officers were of older classes. There was no general. On 14 September, 30 soldiers, equipped with red and white striped poles and portable radio sets and led by a captain, were observed marching out of the installation. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were identified. (1) 25X1B
2. No changes were discernible at the repair shop on Ebert Ring prior to 11 September. The sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles [REDACTED] were identified there. (2) 25X1B
3. On 13 September, the Puschkin Kaserne quartered 500 to 600 soldiers. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 8 p.m. on 11 September, an undetermined number of troops returned to the installation. No details were discernible. Six 160-mm mortars and truck [REDACTED] were seen in the barracks yard. 25X1B
4. No activity was observed at the Pionier Kaserne until 13 September. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] hauled coal from the railroad station to the barracks installation. 25X1B
5. On 14 September, about 500 recruits were engaged in close-order drill, signal training and gun drill in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Six 76.2-mm guns were standing in front of the gun sheds. (3) Documents found at the barracks installation included an envelope addressed to a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] postmarked 29 July 1951, examined by 25X1B Censorship Office [REDACTED], and mailed from the Ryazan Oblast; and an unmailed 25X1B envelope bearing an address in the U.S.S.R., and written by a soldier of Unit [REDACTED] 25X1B
6. On 11 September, the hutment on Puschkinstrasse, formerly Schuetzenstrasse, was occupied by a unit, probably a motor transport unit of about 30 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [REDACTED] 25X1B
25X1B [REDACTED] were identified there. (5)

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

DISTRIBUTION EUCOM 3 POB 2 WASH 2 USAF 2 CUS 4 HMOG/F 1

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -

25X1A

(1) The present report supports the belief that the Zietzen Kaserne houses the Hq IV 25X1X
Arty Corps and supplements the last [REDACTED]

25X1A [REDACTED] . The [REDACTED] 25X1I

belong to a headquarters unit of the IV Arty Corps and to the GOCG.

25X1B (2) The motor vehicle repair shop on Albert Ring is known [REDACTED] . The 25X1A
motor [REDACTED] in the present report belong to the 4th Gds AAA
Div, a headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, the 9th Tank Div, and the
GOCG.

(3) The Fusillier Kaserne and the Kraftfahrer Kaserne have been more heavily occupied.
Since the last report of late August 1951 by the [REDACTED], the 25X1X
Pionier Kaserne appears to have been only partly occupied. The changes in the
numbers of troops there may have been caused by field exercises, which another

25X1X [REDACTED] to have been conducted in Semlin Heath and Koenigs Heath in late

25X1A August 1951. [REDACTED] . The [REDACTED] in the 25X1B
present report belong to the 6th Arty Div.

25X1B (4) [REDACTED] is probably assigned to a signal unit of the IV Arty Corps in Mathenow,

25X1B and [REDACTED] to an artillery brigade of the 6th Arty Div in Mathenow.

(5) According to a report of mid-March 1951 [REDACTED], a construction unit of 25X
the Kech was quartered in the hutment on Puschkinstrasse. [REDACTED] 25X1A
The present report indicates the possibility that a motor transport or a guard unit
is quartered there. [REDACTED] 25X1B
headquarters unit of the Third Shock Army and the GOCG.

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY